THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the Rubber Board is assisting the Government of Tripura in establishing an Infrastructural Development Park (Rubber Park), in Agartala, for promoting rubber based industries in the State. The park is being set up under the Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) Scheme of Government of India. The project is estimated to cost Rs. 700 lakh. Land suitable for setting up the park has been identified by the Government of Tripura.

Trade with China

3588. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to increase trade with China;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of bilateral trade carried out between the two countries so far during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. As per the Joint Statement released during the recent visit of Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao to India, the two sides stressed the importance of expanding the bilateral trade between India and China.

(c) The following are the provisionsl figures of India-China bilateral trade:

(Value in US $ Million)

	2003-04	2004-05 (April-Jan)
Total Trade with China	7008	8915

(*Source:* DGCI&S)